

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The specification has been amended as follows:

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The following new heading has been added before line 1:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The subheading at line 1 has been amended as follows:

~~Technical Field~~ of the Invention

The paragraph at lines 2-5 has been amended as follows:

The present invention relates to a gas generating composition suitable for an air bag restraining system of automobiles and the like, a molded article ~~thereof and thereof,~~ and an inflator for an air bag using the same.

The subheading at line 6 has been amended as follows:

~~Background~~ Description of the Related Art

The paragraph at lines 7-15 has been amended as follows:

As a gas generating agent for an air bag ~~as a bag used in a~~ passenger-protecting system in automobiles, a composition using sodium azide has been conventionally used. However, a toxicity to human bodies [LD_{50} (oral-rat) = 27 mg/kg] or hazard in handling of sodium azide has been regarded as a serious problem. Therefore, as safe non-azide based gas generating compositions, gas generating compositions containing various

nitrogen-containing organic compounds have been developed to replace the above composition.

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The paragraph at lines 8-14 has been amended as follows:

However, the above non-azide based gas generating composition forms residues (mist) after combustion, and ~~thus a filter should~~ must be used to prevent the mist from flowing into an air bag. In this case, there is a method wherein the gas generating composition has a composition easily forming slag, after combustion, having a shape adapted to be readily captured by the filter.

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The following new heading has been added before line 1:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

The subheading at line 1 has been deleted in its entirety:

The paragraphs at lines 2-23 have been amended as follows:

Accordingly, ~~a purpose of the present invention is to provide~~ provides a novel gas generating composition forming slag more easily than the above compositions in the prior arts.

~~As means to solve the problem, the present invention provides~~ In one aspect of the present invention, a gas generating composition comprising (a) glass powder and (b) aluminum hydroxide and/or magnesium hydroxide.

~~As another means to solve the problem, the present invention further provides~~ In another aspect of the present invention, a gas generating composition comprising comprises the following components (a) to (d):

- (a) glass powder,
- (b) aluminum hydroxide and/or magnesium hydroxide,
- (c) an organic compound as fuel, and
- (d) an oxygen-containing oxidizing agent.

~~As still another means to solve the problem, the present invention provides~~ In yet another aspect of the present invention, a molded article in article is in the form of a single-perforated cylinder or a perforated (porous) cylinder obtained from the above gas generating composition. The single-perforation or perforation ~~may or~~ may be a through-hole or a hollow.

~~As still further means to solve the problem, the present invention provides~~ In another aspect of the present invention, an inflator for an air bag using the gas generating composition or the molded article.

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The following new heading has been added after line 3:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The subheading at line 4 has been deleted in its entirety.